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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: *Tariff Filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Reduce  
Grouping Rates in Rate Group 5 and to Implement a 3% Late Payment  
Charge*  
Docket No. 00-00041

Dear Mr. Waddell:

During the May 15, 2000 Pre-Hearing Conference in this docket, the Pre-Hearing Officer instructed BellSouth and the Consumer Advocate to file briefs addressing the two issues the parties jointly submitted in this docket on March 22, 2000. The Pre-Hearing Officer also instructed the parties to file any sub-issues they intend to address in their briefs by today. In accordance with that instruction, BellSouth respectfully submits the following sub-issue:

Does any action the Public Service Commission may have taken with regard to costs associated with late payments during the 1993 rate case involving BellSouth (Earnings Investigation of South Central Bell Telephone Company, 1993-1995, TPSC Docket 92-13527) have any bearing on the application of T.C.A. §65-5-209 to BellSouth's proposed late payment charge?

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

GMH/jem

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

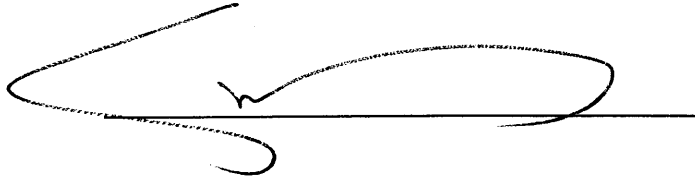
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